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Governor Madeleine M. Kunin
State of Vermont
Office of the Governor
Pavilion Office Building
Montpelier, Vermont 05602

Dear Governor Kunin:

In accordance with the provisions of Title 3, Vermont Statutes Annotated, Section 208, I herewith submit the Annual Report for The Department of Public Safety for the year 1985.

It was recently brought to my attention that no formal report had been submitted for this year. The enclosed material is intended to summarize program highlights and provide a statistical overview of State Police activity.

Yours truly,

A. James Walton, Jr.
Commissioner

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FISCAL YEAR 1985

The Motorboat and Snowmobile Registration program was transferred to the Department of Motor Vehicles effective July 1, 1984. All funding, equipment and the three positions associated with the program were also transferred from the program Administration. The staffing of the Emergency Management Program was reduced by one position during this fiscal year. A 100% federally funded position with similar and overlapping duties and responsibilities replaced a 50/50 state/federal funded Shelter RADEF Officer position which had been vacant for some time.

As a direct result of the State Police Advisory Commission study conducted last year, two additional drug investigators were authorized in the Criminal Investigation Program. This brings the total number of drug investigators in this program to four.

Commissioner Paul R. Philbrook retired in July of 1984 and was replaced by former Deputy Attorney General Charles A. Bristow. Commissioner Philbrook had served in this capacity since February of 1980.

A physical fitness incentive program was initiated for State Police after several months of intensive study. This is a major step towards insuring the physical fitness of State Police officers throughout their careers with the department. The program is incentive driven based on competition among individual officers and among groups with various motivational awards for specific fitness achievements.

The first annual Vermont Crime Report was published by the Vermont Criminal Information Center with statewide crime information obtained from the Vermont Law Enforcement Incident Reporting System (VLEIS). The report received considerable media attention and favorable comments from many sources. In addition to the annual report, the VCIC also publishes basic statistical information on a quarterly basis which provides comparative data on crime and criminal activities by town/county for consecutive years and within the same quarterly periods.

Utilization of the department's in-house computer has exceeded all estimates and a second computer of the same size and type as the first one was purchased and "networked" with the original computer. A five year computer plan was developed for the department by an employee committee working in conjunction with personnel from State Information Systems. The plan was designed to respond to short term requirements and address long term needs of the department. The project is updated and evaluated on an annual basis.

Steps were taken to resolve the long standing issue of whether it is feasible to relocate the Department of Public Safety communications facility on top of Mt Mansfield into a "colocation" area used by several commercial broadcasters. This issue was first discussed in the early 1950's and was the subject of a study commissioned by the department in the mid 1970's. During this fiscal year, two reports were developed detailing the needs of the department and the concerns we have regarding colocation together with a list of several options for further consideration.

For the second year, Vermont failed to meet the compliance criteria for the national 55 MPH speed limit. This situation somewhat compounded the problem from the previous year and again the state is faced with the likelihood of sanctions in the form of federal highway funds being withheld.

Accidents investigated by State Police were up slightly over FY 1984, 3.8%, to 5,325. The number of fatal accidents also showed a small increase, up by just over 2%. The number of accident fatalities, i.e., numbers of persons killed, was the same as for the previous year 115. The number of DWI arrests was down by 12.7% compared to last year. This may in fact be related to the very intense DWI enforcement program conducted not only by this department, but by many local departments and sheriff's departments as well.

LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM
STATISTICAL DATA
FISCAL YEARS 1982-1985

| ITEM | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 4 YR AVG | '85 vs AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ACCIDENTS INVES | 6106 | 5529 | 5131 | 5325 | 5,523 | -3.58% |
| FATAL ACCIDENTS | 92 | 87 | 99 | 101 | 95 | 6.60% |
| ACC. FATALITIES | 107 | 94 | 115 | 115 | 108 | 6.73% |
| CRIMINAL INVEST | 13616 | 14487 | 15788 | 13694 | 14,396 | -4.88% |
| TRAFF CITATIONS | 51110 | 58948 | 54188 | 52209 | 54,114 | -3.52% |
| 55 MPH CITATION | 25964 | 32900 | 26870 | 35747 | 30,370 | 17.70% |
| DWI ARRESTS | 1669 | 2580 | 3042 | 2655 | 2,487 | 6.78% |
| TRUCKS WEIGHED | 13014 | 13854 | 5824 | 6591 | 9,821 | -32.89% |

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION PROGRAM
STATISTICAL DATA - ARSON
FISCAL YEARS 1982-1985

| ITEM | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 | 4 YR AVG | '85 vs AVG |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| FIRES INVESTIG | 474 | 480 | 452 | 467 | 468 | -0.27% |
| NON-ARSON: | 277 | 251 | 252 | 284 | 266 | 6.77% |
| JUVENILE | 9 | 14 | 2 | 23 | 12 | 91.67% |
| OTHER | 268 | 237 | 250 | 261 | 254 | 2.76% |
| ARSON: | 197 | 229 | 200 | 183 | 202 | -9.52% |
| JUVENILES | 14 | 16 | 6 | 14 | 13 | 12.00% |
| ADULT | 29 | 67 | 52 | 15 | 41 | -63.19% |
| UNKNOWN | 154 | 146 | 142 | 154 | 149 | 3.36% |
| FIRE DEATHS | 20 | 26 | 21 | 14 | 20 | -30.86% |

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STRENGTH REPORT

30 JUNE 1985 AUTHORIZED STRENGTH FISCAL YEAR 1985

| PROGRAM | SP | CIV | EXEMPT | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ADMINISTRATION | 1 | 11 | 3 | 15 |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT | 194 | 67 | 0 | 261 |
| SUPPORT SERVICES | 16 | 30 | 0 | 46 |
| CRIMINAL INVEST | 55 | 2 | 0 | 57 |
| EMERGENCY MNGT | 0 | 15 | 1 | 16 |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT | 266 | 125 | 4 | 395 |

30 JUNE 1985 ACTUAL STRENGTH FISCAL YEAR 1985

| PROGRAM | SP | CIV | EXEMPT | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ADMINISTRATION | 1 | 11 | 2 | 14 |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT | 192 | 65 | 0 | 257 |
| SUPPORT SERVICES | 16 | 29 | 0 | 45 |
| CRIMINAL INVEST | 54 | 2 | 0 | 56 |
| EMERGENCY MNGT | 0 | 13 | 1 | 14 |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT | 263 | 120 | 3 | 386 |
| VACANT POSITIONS | 3 | 5 | 1 | 9 |

FY85

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 1, 1984 - JUNE 30, 1985

| PROGRAM | REVISED FY'85 APPROPRIATION | FY'85 EXPENDITURE | REVERSION |
|---|---|---|---|
| ADMINISTRATION | $479,660 | $462,997 | $16,663 |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT | $10,615,668 | $10,476,506 | $139,162 |
| SUPPORT SERVICES | $1,836,536 | $1,819,910 | $16,626 |
| CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION | $2,364,075 | $2,316,428 | $47,647 |
| EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT | $886,250 | $742,527 | $143,723 |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT | $16,182,189 | $15,818,368 | $363,821 |

| SOURCE OF FUNDS | REVISED FY'85 APPROPRIATION | FY'85 EXPENDITURE | REVERSION |
|---|---|---|---|
| GENERAL FUND | $6,838,175 | $6,755,630 | $82,545 |
| TRANSPORTATION FUND | $8,046,085 | $7,953,222 | $92,863 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | $682,100 | $520,289 | $161,811 |
| SPECIAL FUNDS | $78,707 | $70,439 | $8,268 |
| INTERDEPARTMENT TRANSFER | $537,122 | $518,787 | $18,335 |
| TOTAL DEPARTMENT | $16,182,189 | $15,818,367 | $363,822 |

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 1, 1984 - JUNE 30, 1985

| PROGRAM | REVISED FY'85 APPROPRIATION | FY'85 EXPENDITURE | REVERSION | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| GENERAL FUND | | | | |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT | $4,361,400 | $4,312,862 | $48,538 | 1.1% |
| CRIM. INVESTIGATION | $2,311,075 | $2,279,853 | $31,222 | 1.4% |
| EMERGENCY MGT. | $165,700 | $162,915 | $2,785 | 1.7% |
| TOTAL GENERAL FUND | $6,838,175 | $6,755,630 | $82,545 | 1.2% |
| TRANSPORTATION FUND | | | | |
| ADMINISTRATION | $454,160 | $445,885 | $8,275 | 1.8% |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT | $5,957,100 | $5,889,777 | $67,323 | 1.1% |
| SUPPORT SERVICES | $1,584,375 | $1,569,588 | $14,787 | 0.9% |
| EMERGENCY MGT. | $50,450 | $47,972 | $2,478 | 4.9% |
| TOTAL TRANSPORTATION | $8,046,085 | $7,953,222 | $92,863 | 1.2% |
| TOTAL GEN/TRANS. FUNDS | | | | |
| ADMINISTRATION (1) | $454,160 | $445,885 | $8,275 | 1.8% |
| LAW ENFORCEMENT (2) | $10,318,500 | $10,202,639 | $115,861 | 1.1% |
| SUPPORT SERVICES (3) | $1,584,375 | $1,569,588 | $14,787 | 0.9% |
| CRIM. INVESTIGATION(4) | $2,311,075 | $2,279,853 | $31,222 | 1.4% |
| EMERGENCY MGT. (5) | $216,150 | $210,887 | $5,263 | 2.4% |
| TOTAL GEN/TRANS. FUNDS | $14,884,260 | $14,708,852 | $175,408 | 1.2% |

NOTES - (1) $7,919 OF $8,275 IS PERSONAL SERVICES (VACANCY/TURNOVER).

(2) $105,633 OF $115,861 IS PERSONAL SERVICES(VACANCY/TURNOVER).

(3) $6,165 OF $14,787 DUE TO STATE POLICE SHARE OF COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM WHICH WAS UNDERSPENT. REMAINDER DUE MAINLY TO CONTRACTUAL/CONSULTING UNDERSPENT.

(4) APPROXIMATELY $14,000 OF BALANCE DUE TO HOLIDAY OVERTIME UNDERSPENT. $572 DUE TO OPERATING UNDERSPENT. REMAINDER DUE TO TURNOVER.

(5) EMERGENCY MGT. TRANS. FUND BALANCE DUE TO $1,693 BALANCE IN HAZMAT OPERATING, AND LOWER OVERTIME AND TEMP COSTS THAN BUDGETED IN HAZMAT.
EMERGENCY MGT. GENERAL FUND BALANCE DUE TO SHELTER/RADEF OFFICER VACANCY.